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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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2011 South Clark Place  
Customer Window, Mail Stop **Non-Fee Amendment**  
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

Please enter this Amendment - Response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2003 and grant the concurrent Petition for Extension of Time.

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- (2) Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.